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Governor Jan Brewer Issues Emergency Declaration for Fires in Southern Arizona

Declaration Issued as Governor Conducts Aerial Tour of Horseshoe II and Monument Fires, Meets With Incident Commanders

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today signed a Declaration of Emergency in response to the Horseshoe II and Monument fires in Cochise County. This declaration releases \$100,000 from the Governor's Emergency Funds (via the State General Fund) to pay for emergency responses and recovery expenses for damage resulting from the fires.

The funding will support costs not covered by the federal fire management assistance grant, as well as recovery efforts following suppression of the fire. The state emergency dollars are not available to reimburse homeowners for damage sustained due to the fires. The Governor's Emergency Declaration authorizes the Adjutant General to mobilize the Arizona National Guard as necessary to protect life and property.

On Friday morning, Governor Brewer conducted an aerial tour of the Horseshoe II and Monument fires, and received a briefing from incident commanders. The two fires have burned more than 200,000 acres, including 40 residential homes.

Governor Brewer is authorized under state statute to declare a state of emergency. The declaration directs the following actions:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Cochise County due to the Horseshoe II and Monument fires, effective June 12, 2011 and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$100,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. §35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and

- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- d. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.

As a result of the federal fire management assistance grant, the federal government is paying 75 percent of the state's response and fire-suppression costs associated with the Horseshoe II and Monument fires. Visit the Arizona Emergency Information Network website, www.azein.gov, for real-time incident updates, preparedness and hazard information and multimedia resources.

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